

wherein R⁶CO is a linear or branched, saturated and/or unsaturated acyl group having from 6 to 22 carbon atoms; each of R⁷ and R⁸ is R⁶CO or OH with the proviso that at least one of R⁶ and R⁷ is OH; each of m, n, and p is a number for 0 to 100 such that the sum of v+w+x has a value of from 0 to 100; (2) a compound of the formula (V):

wherein R⁹CO is a linear or branched, saturated or unsaturated acyl group having from 6 to 22 carbon atoms and combinations of (1) and (2).

- 11. (New) The method of claim 10 wherein the number of carbon atoms in the R⁶CO group is from about 12 to about 18.
- 12. (New) The method of claim 10 wherein the number of carbon atoms in the R⁹CO group is from about 12 to about 18.
- 13. (New) The method of claim 10 wherein when compounds (IV) and (V) are present together, the weight ratio of (IV) to (V) is from about 90:10 to about 10:90.
- 14. (New) A method of imparting antistatic properties to a thermoplastic comprising contacting a thermoplastic with from about 0.5 to about 5 parts by weight of an antistatic agent of the formula (I):

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$$R^{1}CO-(OCH_{2}CH_{2})_{m}OCH_{2}CH_{2}-N-CH_{2}CH_{2}O-(CH_{2}CH_{2}O)_{n}R^{2}$$
 (I)
$$CH_{2}CH_{2}O(CH_{2}CH_{2}O)_{p}R^{3}$$

wherein R¹CO is an acyl group having from about 6 to about 22 carbon atoms; each of R² and R³ is independently hydrogen or R¹CO; m, n and p together stand for 0 or numbers of 1 to 12.

15. (New) A method of imparting antistatic properties to a thermoplastic comprising contacting a thermoplastic with from about 0.5 to about 5 parts by weight of an antistatic agent of the formula (II):

$$R^{1}CO-(OCH_{2}CH_{2})_{q}OCH_{2}CH_{2}-N-CH_{2}CH_{2}O-(CH_{2}CH_{2}O)_{r}R^{2}$$
 (II)

wherein R¹CO is an acyl group having from about 6 to about 22 carbon atoms, R² is hydrogen or R¹CO; R⁴ is an alkyl group having from 1 to about 4 carbon atoms and q and r together stand for 0 or numbers of 1 to 12.

16. (New) A method of imparting antistatic properties to a thermoplastic comprising contacting a thermoplastic with from about 0.5 to about 5 parts by weight of an antistatic agent of the formula (III):

$$R^{5}$$
 O-(CH₂CH₂O)_sOCR¹
| | |
 R^{4} -N-CH₂CHCH₂O-(CH₂CH₂O)_tR² (III)

wherein R¹CO is an acyl group having from about 6 to about 22 carbon atoms; R² is hydrogen or R¹CO, each of R⁴ and R⁵ is independently an alkyl group having 1 to about 4 carbon atoms and s and t together stand for 0 or numbers of 1 to 12.

17. (New) A composition comprising (A) an antistatic agent selected from the

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group consisting of (1) a compound of the formula (IV):

AC

wherein R⁶CO is a linear or branched, saturated and/or unsaturated acyl group having from 6 to 22 carbon atoms; each of R⁷ and R⁸ is R⁶CO or OH with the proviso that at least one of R⁶ and R⁷ is OH; each of m, n, and p is a number for 0 to 100 such that the sum of v+w+x has a value of from 0 to 100; (2) a compound of the formula (V):

wherein R⁹CO is a linear or branched, saturated or unsaturated acyl group having from 6 to 22 carbon atoms; (3) a compound of the formula (I):

$$R^{1}CO-(OCH_{2}CH_{2})_{m}OCH_{2}CH_{2}-N-CH_{2}CH_{2}O-(CH_{2}CH_{2}O)_{n}R^{2}$$
 (I)
 $CH_{2}CH_{2}O(CH_{2}CH_{2}O)_{p}R^{3}$

wherein R¹CO is an acyl group having from about 6 to about 22 carbon atoms; each of R² and R³ is independently hydrogen or R¹CO; m, n and p together stand for 0 or numbers of 1 to 12; (4) a compound of the formula (II):

$$R^{1}CO-(OCH_{2}CH_{2})_{q}OCH_{2}CH_{2}-N-CH_{2}CH_{2}O-(CH_{2}CH_{2}O)_{r}R^{2}$$
 (II)

wherein R¹CO is an acyl group having from about 6 to about 22 carbon atoms, R² is hydrogen or R¹CO; R⁴ is an alkyl group having from 1 to about 4 carbon

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atoms and q and r together stand for 0 or numbers of 1 to 12; (5) a compound of the formula (III):

(111)

R⁵ O-(CH₂CH₂O)_sOCR¹ | | R⁴-N-CH₂CHCH₂O-(CH₂CH₂O)_tR²

AS

wherein R¹CO is an acyl group having from about 6 to about 22 carbon atoms; R² is hydrogen or R¹CO, each of R⁴ and R⁵ is independently an alkyl group having 1 to about 4 carbon atoms and s and t together stand for 0 or numbers of 1 to 12 and, (B) a thermoplastic selected from the group consisting of low-density polyethylene, high-density polyethylene, polypropylene, polystyrene, a vinyl polymer, a polyamide, a polyester, a polyacetal, a polycarbonate and a polyurethane.